

New York, 30 Sept. 1852.

My dear Gray - I thank you for your kind note of "Saturday", & allow you to take your own time in noticing my quiddities, but I am interested in the *elypsium*(?) as *Cuciferæ* are old loves of mine, & at some time or another you must give this plant a careful examination, as well as the *renifoliolate* *Desmodium*. I desired Bridges to send you Schacht's book, which I presume he has done. Apropos of books, did you ever order for me *Kunth Ann. plant. Vol. 5. 1850* & *Indicher Gen. plant. Supp. 4 part 2. & 5.* If you have forgotten this little order perhaps I had better tell Bridges to impart them for me.

Our friend Boott has required me to verify a new species he has made out of *Carex cincta*, & whilst working for him, I revived my old quiddity of the distortion of the *Aclemium* in this, & allied species - & as I think it of some botanical interest I have drawn up a short article for *Silliman*, which I send for your imprimatur, as the

trying to tinker me up a tip, for I am rather poorly, but not  
exactly hard to combat. My young folks do not return  
my love very warmly, I fear, but I shall not return  
it any more warmly than I can.

Botanical Baps of that Journal. You  
will see that the foot note requires  
an engraved block, but, if you do not  
think the article worth one, the reference  
numbers must of course be erased  
from the MS. I leave this to you, &  
indeed I shall not be mortified if you  
should suppress the whole, as ~~it~~ <sup>the subject</sup> may  
not seem so interesting to others as it does  
to me - a Caree man. If you approve, send  
it on to Silliman at once -  
I once Cartwright wishes it, & you  
have no time, I suppose, for the job,  
I purpose preparing a notice of his Career,  
to which I shall append some useful  
reference matter - as a make weight. This  
I may perhaps send you in time for  
the Bibliog. department of the November  
number, but I thought I had better not  
delay my present consignment, as it  
is intended for the body of the work, &  
requires the cutting of a wood block.  
Give my kind love to Mrs. Gray. I am  
glad to hear that she has recovered from  
the effects of her fall. I am, very un-  
willingly, in the hands of Beales, who is